MIG Crashes

1237. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force has lost around SO MIGs of various variants in air crashes and 40 pilots during the last three years, till date;

(b) if so, what are the reasons due to which a large number of air crashes in MIGs segment only are being taking place;

(c) what is the monetary loss caused to exchequer due to these air crashes; and

(d) what are the details of the measures taken to avoid such air accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Air Force lost 54 MIG aircrafts and 33 pilots during the last three years, till date.

(b) The major reasons for these air crashes are Human Error (Aircrew), Technical Defect and Bird Hit.

(c) The total monetary loss is approximately Rs. 527.14 crores.

(d) Several Flight Safety measures are being taken to avoid such air accidents in future. Details are as follows:

(i) Special Study on Human Error (Air Crew)

(ii) Special Study on Technical Defect

(Hi) Acquiring Simulators

(iv) Reducing bird menace within a radius of 10 kilometres of Air Force Stations.

Action against guilty officers

1238. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army Court of Inquiry has found five senior army officers guilty of misconduct and corruption in the Tchlka tapes case;

(b) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken against these officers;

(c) whether there is any political pressure to acquit those officers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) and (b) The Army Court of Inquiry has found three Major Generals, one Brigadier, one Colonel and on Lieutenant Colonel having committed grave misdemeanour and have recommended action against them. Further action is in progress as per rules and regulations governing Army personnel.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.